

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Akihiro Ohashi et. al.

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Art Unit: 4171

For: POLYLACTIC ACID RESIN ARTICLE  
COMPRISING GRAINS OF METAL-  
HYDROXIDE PARTICLES (AS AMENDED)

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Examiner: James W. Taylor II

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 29, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.